for the invasion of his kingdom by the heir of Gaunt; who be-
coming afterwards Henry IV. appointed Gascoigne Chief Justice
of the King's Bench in the first year of his reign. In that station
Gascoigne acquired the character of a learned, an upright, a
wise, and an intrepid judge. The story so frequently alluded to
of his committing the prince for an insult on his person, and
the court wherein he presided, is thus related by Sir Thomas
Elyot, in his book entitled The Governour : "The moste renouned
prince king Henry the fyfte, late kynge of Englande, durynge the
lyfe of his father, was noted to be fiers and of wanton courage :
it happed, that one of his seruauntes, whom he fauoured well, was
for felony by him committed, arrained at the kynges benche:
whereof the prince being aduertised and incensed by lyghte
persones aboute him, in furious rage came hastily to the barre
where his seruante stode as a prisoner, and commaunded him to
be vnbyued and set at libertie: whereat all men were abashed,
reserved the chiefe Justice, who humbly exhorted the prince, to
be contented, that his seruaunt mought be orclred, accordynge to
the aunciente lawes of this realme; or if he wolde haue hym
saued from the rigour of the lawes, that he shulde obteyne, if he
moughte, of the kynge his father, his gratious pardon, wherby
no lawe or iustyce shulde be derogate. With whiche answere
the prince nothynge appeased, but rather more inflamed, en-
deuored hym selfe to take away his seruant. The iuge consider-
ing the perillous example, and inconuenience that mought therby
ensue, with a valyatit spirite and courage, commanded the prince
vpon his alegeance, to leave the prisoner, and depart his way.
With which commandment the prince being set all in a fury, all
chafed and in a terrible maner, came vp to the place of iugement,
men thynking that he wold haue slayne the iuge, or haue done
to hym some damage: but the iuge sittynge styll without mouing,
declaring the maiestie of the kynges place of iugement, and with
an assured and bolde countenaunce, had to the prince these
wordes followyng.

" ' Syr, remembre yourselfe, I kepe here the place of the kyng
your soueraine lorde and father, to whom ye owe double obe-
"dience: wherfore eftsoones in his name, I charge you desyste of
your wylfulnes and vnlaufuli enterprise, & from hensforth giue
good example to those, whyche hereafter shall be

your propre subiectes. And nowe, for your contempte and disobedience, go you to the prysone of the kynges benche, wherevnto I comaytte you, and remayne ye there prysoner vntyll the pleasure of the kynge your father be further knowen.'

*' With whiche wordes being abashed, and also wondrynge at the meruaylous grauitie of that worshypfulle justyce, the noble prince layinge his weapon aparte, doying reuerence, departed, and wente to the kynges benche, as he was commanded. Wherat his seruauntes disdaynynge, came and shewed to the kynge all the hole affaire. Whereat he awhyles studyenge, after as a man